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Riverside County: The Riverside County Superior Court is pleased to announce the appointment of Carol D. Codrington and Dale R. Wells to judgeships in the court. The appointments were announced yesterday by the Governor's Office. Both judges, who fill new positions created by Senate Bill 56, were sworn in yesterday.

Judge Codrington, who has served as a commissioner for the court since May 2006, began her legal career in 1987 as an associate with the law firm of Burke, Robinson and Pearman. From 1989 to 1997, she was an associate and partner with the litigation defense firm of Mallory, Brown-Curtis and Mallory. From 1997 to 2000, she was an adjunct professor of law and director of litigation at the Western Law Center for Disability Rights at Loyola Law School. She served as a deputy city attorney for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office from

1999 to 2001 and as an associate general counsel for the Los Angeles Unified School District from 2001 to 2004. She was in private practice from 2004 to 2006 in the Lake Elsinore area prior to joining the court as a commissioner. Judge Codrington earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola Marymount University.

Judge Wells has served as a commissioner for the court since 2003, presiding over family law, domestic violence, civil harassment, and adoption matters. Previously, from 1998 to 2003, he served as a family law facilitator for the court. From 1994 to 1998, he was a sole practitioner attorney, handling primarily family law and also criminal defense, civil, probate, and bankruptcy cases. Judge Wells earned a Juris Doctorate degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in law from California Southern Law School.

Of the appointments, Presiding Judge Richard T. Fields stated, "We are so pleased that two of our commissioners were elevated to the position of Superior Court Judge. These two outstanding judicial appointments demonstrate the high quality of our court commissioners."

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